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SUBJ: SAFMARINE INQUIRY ON US EFFORTS TO RECOVER AIRCRAFT
DETAINED IN ANGOLA

REF: A. CAPE TOWN 160 (B) STATE 41706

SUMMARY - CAPTAIN THORPE OF SAFMARINE, PARENT COMPANY OF SUIDWES AIRLINES, CALLED MORNING OF FEB 23 TO INQUIRE WHETHER USG INTENDS TAKE FURTHER ACTION TO RECOVER AIRCRAFT NOW IN LUANDA.
END SUMMARY.

1. THORPE SAID HE HAD MESSAGE FROM ALLEGHENY AIRLINES
STATING
THAT PILOTS WERE TO BE RELEASED SATURDAY AND THAT AIRCRAFT HAD BEEN FLOWN TO LUANDA. AIRCRAFT WAS REPORTEDLY IN GOOD CONDITION, SPARES WERE INTACT AND AIRCRAFT WAS PARKED AND LOCKED AT LUANDA AIRPORT.

2. THORPE NOTED THAT AIRCRAFT IS STILL UNDER US REGISTRY AND STILL OWNED BY US COMPANY. HOWEVER, A CLAUSE IN THE CONTRACT WITH ALLEGHENY REQUIRES THAT SAFMARINE TAKE LEGAL POSSESSION
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THE AIRCRAFT BY FEB 27 WHETHER OR NOT IT HAS PHYSICALLY BEEN DELIVERED. AT SUCH POINT SAFMARINE WOULD HAVE TO DECIDE WHETHER TO SUBMIT CLAIM TO LONDON UNDERWRITERS DECLARING PLANE A TOTAL LOSS.

3. THORPE NOTED, AS HE HAD EARLIER, THAT SAFMARINE WANTS THE AIRCRAFT NOT RPT NOT THE MONEY. HE SAID THAT BEFORE DECIDING HOW TO HANDLE MATTER WITH LONDON UNDERWRITERS SAFMARINE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER USG INTENDS TO CONTINUE SEEKING RELEASE OF THE AIRCRAFT.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE ON WHAT WE MAY TELL SAFMARINE IN REPLY.
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